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Army

1. The winter and summer uniform of the Rumanian Army was the same color and style as that worn by Rumanian security, land-based border guard, and air force troops. This uniform consisted of dark olive-green trousers, tunic, and a service cap. The color of the summer uniform was olive-green. The piping on the trouser seams, the crown seam of the service cap, and the cap band represented the arm, or branch of service, in which the individual served. [redacted] branch-of-service colors and insignia: 25X1

<u>Branch</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Insignia</u>
Infantry	Red	A bomb, similar to that of the [redacted] Ordnance insignia. 25X1
Armored	Black	Tank
Artillery	Black	Crossed cannon
Medical	Purple	A serpent coiled around a staff (caduceus)
Cavalry	Unknown	Crossed sabers
Justice	Unknown	Scales of justice
Engineer	Unknown	Drawing compass and a cogged wheel

2. A metallic insignia was worn only on the shoulder boards. Officers' shoulder boards had a gold background with the branch-of-service stripes and the piping. EM had a branch-of-service colored background on their shoulder boards but senior-grade EM had gold metal stripes and junior EM

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had gold stripes made of cloth.¹ Officers assigned to the Intendance (administration), Justice, and Medical branches had a silver background on their shoulder boards.

3. The only weapon [redacted] soldiers carry was the old ZB (Czech) rifle. [redacted] 25X1

Security Forces (Securitate)

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4. The winter and summer uniform of the Rumanian security forces was the same color as that of the Rumanian Army uniform. The piping on the trouser seams and on the service-cap crown was a bright, cornflower-blue. Officers' shoulder boards had a gold background with bright blue stripes and piping; senior-grade EM wore bright blue shoulder boards with gold metal stripes. Both officers and EM wore collar flashes with rose-red piping and a bright blue background. Occasionally, officers wore a service cap with a bright blue crown and red piping [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] this cap was worn only on holidays and for dress occasion with the regular uniform. [redacted] when this cap was worn, the shoulder boards of the uniform were different and had a white edge outside of the bright blue piping. 25X1
5. The security forces wore no metallic device or insignia on either their shoulder boards or on their collar flashes. Officers always carried a pistol when on shore, but [redacted] never [redacted] carry any weapon aboard ship. Officers who were known to be members of the security forces had been seen wearing the uniform of the Rumanian land-based border guard when they boarded SOVROMTRANSPORT vessels. 25X1

Land-Based Border Guard (Graniceri)

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6. The winter and summer uniform of the Rumanian land-based border guard was the same as that worn by the army, security forces, and the air force. Trouser piping on the seams was dark green. [redacted]
[redacted] The piping on the crown of the service cap was light green. Officers' shoulder boards had a gold background with dark green stripes and light green piping. EMs' shoulder boards had a light green background and possibly dark green piping; senior-grade EM had gold metal stripes while junior-grade EM had gold stripes of cloth. 25X1
7. EM wore olive-colored coveralls with shoulder boards over their regular uniform when they boarded vessels for a search.³ On these occasions, both officers and EM wore light green collar flashes [redacted] 25X1
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8. The usual footwear for EM consisted of leather boots with laces. During the winter, a thick, felt boot was worn. In rainy weather, a poncho (pelerina) was worn.
9. EM who were posted as guards on the docks were always armed with a PRSh SMG ("balalaika"). They carried leather bags slung across their shoulders in which they kept authorized pass lists, documents, and memoranda. Officers of these guard details carried pistols.

Maritime Border Guard (Marina Graniceri)

10. When SOVROMTRANSPORT vessels entered and left the port of Constanta, the

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harbor pilot was always accompanied by an EM of the Rumanian maritime border guard. The uniform of these EM consisted of navy blue trousers, a navy blue jumper with navy blue on the collar flap, and a round naval-style cap, also of navy blue. The cap band and the ribbons which hung from the cap were yellow-green.

Labor Troops (Detasamente de Munca)

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11. All labor troop personnel wore a blue-gray uniform. Officers had dark brown piping on the trouser seams and dark brown service-cap bands with piping around the crown of the cap. EM wore an overseas-type cap. Officers' shoulder boards had a silver background with dark brown stripes and dark brown piping. Shoulder boards of the EM had a dark brown background, those of senior-grade EM had gold metal stripes, and those of junior-grade EM had gold stripes of cloth. Both officers and EM had dark brown collar flashes.

During the summer, EM wore blue-gray soviet-type tunics. A crossed hammer and shovel appeared on the metallic insignia of the shoulder boards of both the officers and the EM.

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It was commonly known that these personnel who had been conscripted were primarily the sons of wealthy parents, the sons of former officers, or of intellectuals and students of science.

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Police Forces (Militia)

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13. The uniform of the police forces was dark blue-gray. The piping on the trousers and caps was a dark, lilac-red. Collar flashes, worn by both officers and EM, were also dark, lilac-red and had white piping. Officers' shoulder boards had a silver background with dark red stripes and piping. The EMs' shoulder boards had a dark red background. Senior-grade EM wore silver stripes of metal while the junior-grade EM wore silver stripes of cloth. EM wore wrap-leggings.
14. Personnel identified as railroad police had the same uniform worn by other police units, but they wore a carmine-red service cap with white piping.

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1. Comment: the term "senior-grade" denotes EM who wore T-shaped stripes on their shoulder boards. Junior-grade EM were those who wore only stripes parallel to the short side of the shoulder board.

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